

## LAND BILL REFERRED

Major Gaines's Measure Considered by the Board of Agriculture.

## INSPECTOR OF FRUIT TREES.

## An Enactment Providing for Such an Officer to be Erased Before the Legislature-The Question an Important One Among Farmers.

The State Board of Agriculture held another session yesterday morning, and, after considering a couple of very important measures, adjourned sine die. When the body had been called to order by President Corbin, Mr. Boaz, a member of the House of Delegates, appeared and discussed the importance of protection of fruits and fruit-trees in Virginia. He presented a scheme by which an Inspector of nurseries and of fruit-trees shipped into the State should be appointed by the Legislature, and the board referred the whole question to the Committee on Horticulture, to be put into the shape of a bill and submitted to the General Assembly.

The board then heard the bill of Major Gaines concerning the purchasing and selling of the unoccupied lands of Virginia, which bill was referred to yesterday's Dispatch.

## PROVISIONS OF THE BILL.

This bill is entitled an act to amend an act of March 3, 1888, creating the State Board of Agriculture, by enlarging its powers and increasing its duties for the purpose of buying and selling the unoccupied farming lands of the State to non-resident citizens by giving authority and making home-builders of tenanted farmers, and to provide the means for doing the same.

The first section of the measure authorizes that two members of the Board of Agriculture and the president shall constitute an executive committee especially charged with this duty. The board is authorized to sell, buy, and negotiate contracts for the sale of unoccupied farming lands, in tracts of forty acres and upwards, which they shall be authorized to purchase in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bill, at a price not exceeding its assessed valuation, and to pay for the same in bonds to be known as "land immigration bonds," in sums of \$5,000 and multiples thereof, not exceeding \$5,000, bearing 4 per cent. interest per annum. These bonds are to run forty years, but shall be redeemable after two years. The land thus sold is to be duly advertised and sold to actual advertisers, in such tracts as may be deemed best; and, if not sold, shall be rented out for money upon such terms and conditions as will protect the property.

## ASSESSED VALUATION.

The prices at which these lands shall be sold can in no case be less than its valuation, plus the amount of the bonds to give him bond, bearing interest at 5½ per cent. per annum, payable quarterly, 4 per cent. of which amount shall be credited to the interest fund paid out by the State upon its land-purchases, to reimburse the same and 3½ per cent. to go into a sinking fund for the liquidation of the principal. The purchaser will be required to pay to the board for his land at any time.

The bill goes on further to provide for the sale of such lands in the event of failure on the part of the purchasers of the same, and such other details as may be necessary to carry on this work, the whole amount of bonds not to exceed at any time the sum of \$100,000.

The bill is referred to a special committee to consist of Messrs. Kidder, Buford, and Hunter, who are to report at the meeting of the board in April.

After transacting some unimportant business the board adjourned sine die.

## FREDERICKSBURG.

## Knights of Pythias-Presentations-Persons and Briefs.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 10. (Special)—Our people are making preparations for a predicted snow-storm. To the farmers it will be a blessing, for the late-sown grain is much in need of a snowy covering to give it a push forward.

Chancery-Commander Eugene Bode, of Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias, of this place, was presented with a handsome rocking-chair by his brother members at the conclusion of the regular business of the lodge last night. The chair is a very handsome one, on which are engraved the names of the members, given as a token of the esteem in which Mr. Bode is held by his fellow-members, and as an acknowledgment of his zeal for the good of the order.

Mrs. Dorothy Hefner, a former resident of this community, died in Washington last evening, and her remains will be brought here to-morrow, and buried at her old home.

With the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. C. F. Barlowis, a prominent hotel man of this city, it has been his custom heretofore to celebrate his wedding anniversary in an elaborate manner, but Mr. Barlowis's ill-health interfered this year with the usual programme. The most honored guests on such occasions were his old Confederate comrades in arms, and they were wont to keep alive the memories of their war experience by recounting them on the festal occasion.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. F. L. Whitmore, who has been spending some weeks here with relatives, has left for his home, in New York city.

Miss Mary Green, of this city, left today on a visit of some weeks to friends in Baltimore and other northern cities.

Miss Nettie Innes of Williamsburg, accompanied by Miss Mary Maezen, are visiting friends here.

Miss M. T. Leavell, sister-in-law of Captain T. E. Stratton, of this city, left for Richmond this evening in response to a telegram announcing a critical turn in the illness of that gentleman.

## BASE-BALL CLUB ORGANIZED.

Petersburg Signs Nearly a Full Team-Heights and Weights.

PETERSBURG, VA., January 10.—(Special)—A meeting for the purpose of organizing a base-ball club to represent this city for the coming season was held at the court-house at 8 o'clock to-night.

Messrs. W. H. Elgin, Ed. Elgen-Brum, were elected temporary chairman and secretary respectively.

The club was organized, with Robert Gilliam, president; Mr. Spalding, vice-president; Morris Myers, secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. F. K. Clements, Charles Cohn, and Ed. Elgen-Brum directors.

It is understood that James Green has secured nearly a complete team for this city, consisting of the following players: Powers, catcher, 5 feet 11 inches, weight 15 pounds; Quinn, catcher, 5 feet 8 inches, weight 150 pounds; Kane, pitcher, 6 feet, weight 180 pounds; Bottom, pitcher, 5 feet 6 inches, weight 185 pounds; Kitson, pitcher, 6 feet 1 inch, weight 175 pounds; Watkins, pitcher, 5 feet 8 inches, weight 180 pounds; O'Connor, first base, 6 feet 1 inch, weight 175 pounds; Tierney, 1st base, 5 feet 11 inches, weight 158 pounds; Green, third base, 5 feet 6 inches, weight 146 pounds; Dundon, short-stop, 5 feet 2 inches, weight 160 pounds.

## FUNERAL OF JUDGE BERRY.

A Large Attendance-The Pall-Bearers-Beautiful Floral Tributes.

AMHERST, VA., January 10.—(Special)—The funeral services of Judge Taylor Berry took place here to-day, from the Episcopal church, Rev. A. P. Gray officiating, and were attended by a large concourse of people, resident and from abroad. Beside the local bar there were present Hon. S. V. Southall, of Char-

lotteville; Messrs. W. M. Murrell, John Lewis, F. S. Kirkpatrick, J. T. Coleman, Judge John D. Horsley, and Judge Stephen Adams, of Lynchburg, and Messrs. Caspke, J. T. Brown, S. B. Whitehead, and B. T. Gordon, of Nelson, the visiting lawyers acting as honorary pall-bearers. Messrs. Joyner, Evans H. Brown, Kent, McGinnis, and Judge Dillard were the active pall-bearers.

The floral tributes were beautiful. Among them those sent by the Lynchburg Bar and the Bank of Amherst, were especially handsome. All of Judge Berry's children arrived in time for the burial, but not until after his death. Though he had been sick for several days, he was not known to be seriously ill until within twenty-four hours of his death, and the end came very suddenly. He had long been a sufferer from a chronic trouble, and it was hoped he would surmount this attack, as he had done many others. Judge Berry was held in the highest esteem by the whole community, and his unexpected death has been a great shock to the citizens of our county, who feel it is a personal bereavement, a loss he well qualified to fill.

Thomas L. Preston, of the Hotel Duval, left yesterday for Richmond, where he went in the interest of a bill which the Farmers' and Mechanics' Benevolent Fire-Insurance Association of Roanoke and Botetourt counties, will present to the Legislature.

John W. Dean, the Quaker evangelist, who has been holding meetings in Roanoke, will begin a series of Bible readings here, commencing next Sunday.

Commissioner of Revenue John H. Gars, has invented an egg-crater, in which eggs for hatching can be sent through the mail without danger of breakage. Mr. Gars has been a hunter of barred, spotted, and buff-throated pheasants for many years, and knows what fanciers want in this direction. He will patent his invention.

The Salem Steam Tannery, owned by Philadelphia capitalists, which has for the past few weeks only been working a small force half time, will in a short time put back its full force on full time.

This firm recently erected a large tannery in Giles county.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Salem Improvement Company will be held here Tuesday, the 23d.

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Orphanage, the superintendent was instructed to open the Schenck Building, which is the gift of Schenck Brothers, bankers of Hampton, and is a valuable addition to the institution. Applications sufficient to fill the building, which will accommodate fifty boys, have already been received. The workshops will be put in operation in the early spring, and all of the boys that are old enough will be put in regular industrial training.

A former Choate student of Roanoke College writes that he is now principal of the Armstrong Academy, at Cadet, I. T., but will return here next session to finish his course at the college.

There was a bold attempt at robbery at 1 o'clock this morning at the residence of A. B. Kidd, who lives near the university. The would-be thief, supposedly a negro, made his escape, but was terribly frightened, and great excitement prevailed in the neighborhood. Had the man been caught he would have fared badly. Two young ladies left the house by jumping out of a window.

General of Major Alexander Bucker.

DEATONSVILLE, AMELIA COUNTY, VA., January 10.—(Special)—On yesterday a large crowd assembled at Saylors Creek church to attend the funeral of Major Alexander Bucker, who died at Williamsburg on the 7th instant. The deceased was in the height of his active life, and was much respected and beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and four little children.

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